Victorian Murdered

Capt. Tom Howard of This City Done to Death by Thugs in Berkeley.

Went to California to Dispose of Mining Interests and Met Death.

Wife and Daughter are in Victoria---Had a Notable Career.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Captain Tom Howard, of this city, who was prominent in Canadian affairs, he having been paymaster in the Red River Expedition, and provincial treasurer in the Clark administration, the first government of Manitoba—has been murdered at Berkeley, California, and his body has been lying unknown and unidentified since at the morgue in the Californian town. It was not until the San Francisco papers with reproductions of photographs of the dead man and details of the articles found on the remains were received in this city, that his identity was learned. Friends and relatives identified the pictures in the San Francisco newspapers as those of Captain Howard—and not until then was it known in Berkeley who was the victim of the unknown thugs, who had seemingly lured him behind a barn and fractured his skull with some blunt instrument. Seemingly he was brutally murdered and robbed, for not a cent was found on the dead man, although not long before he had disposed of some mining interests in the Klondike district, and had forwarded several hundred dollars of the proceeds to his wife and daughter, who for over a year past have been resident at the Dallas hotel in this city, where they are now prostrated over the sad news, which was broken to them yesterday morning by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, of St. James' church, James Bay, at whose church the wife and daughter of the murdered man were attendants.

There is little doubt as to the identity of the murdered man and with the receipt of the telegrams sent yesterday morning to the chief of police at San Francisco, through the local chief of police, the murder mystery, which, since its occurrence on Friday last, has been puzzling the authorities of Alameda county, will be at an end, in as far as the victim is concerned at least. No trace has yet ben found of the murderers, who are generally believed to have been tramps who killed the late Capt. Howard for the purpose of robbery.

There are several things found on the remains of the dead man which go to show that the body is that of Captain Howard. His ring is one factor in proving identity. On his body was found a ring with a crest—a lion holding an arrow. This is the Howard crest, and his wife and daughter in this city are now wearing rings with identical crests. Another factor in the accumulation of proof as to identity is the laundry mark on the linen of the dead man. His shirt and collar bore his initial : "H" and besides other lettering the number 2326. Enquiry at the office of the Victoria Steam Laundry company shows that this was the number given to the late Capt. Howard on the books of the laundry. Mr. Cave, clerk of the Vernon and Dallas hotels, also finds identification in the fact that a folding steel one foot rule was found. Mr. Cave said yesterday that he had often seen Capt. Howard with such a rule, and on more than one occasion it had been loaned to him.

The costume worn by Capt. Howard was similar in every detail to that described by the newspapers of San Francisco as having been worn by the victim of the thugs in Alameda county, and there are still further circumstances which tend to confirm the identity of the deceased as Capt. Howard. On part of his underclothing was found the name of R. J. Tooke & Co., the well known Montreal haberdashers. When Capt. Howard went from Victoria to seek to dispose of his interests in hydraulic ground in the Yukon, it was to Montreal that he went, and where he was well and favorably known. It is probable that he purchased the garments in question when visiting the Eastern Canadian city. It is stated that he wore russet gloves, and in this connection, those who knew the dead man say that Capt. Howard almost invariably wore a russet glove.

When the remains of the late Capt. Howard were found, it was thought that he had committed suicide, for a revolver was found held loosely in the hand of the dead man, and there were two bullet wounds in the head, the skull being badly fractured. It was soon shown, though, on investigation, that a most brutal murder had been committed.

The examination of the head proves that the bullet wounds were not the direct cause of death, for the skull was found to be deeply fractured. The fracture began at a large depression in the forehead and continued back over the right temple, behind the ear and into the roof of the mouth. This was not the result of a fall, but was caused by a heavy blow struck with some blunt instrument. It is likely that the fracture was made by a blow with the butt of a pistol, and the handle of the weapon which was found in the dead man's hand fits snugly into the hole. And, again, there are several large abrasions above the depression which were evidently caused by blows over the head, for these appear on the top of the skull, and were certainly not the result of a fall.

When the body was found behind a big barn on Pablo avenue, Berkeley, on Friday last, it was lying face down and resting on the nose and mouth. The right hand, still clenching the revolver, was doubled up under the body.

Two wounds above the right eye, one torn and gaping and the other small and round, showed where the shots had entered. Evidently the two bullets had not been fired in exactly the same way, one being due to the pistol being close to the forehead and the other when the weapon was some distance away. Both bullets ploughed their way into the brain, but did not pass through the head. The two holes are hardly half an inch apart, and it is regarded as singular and hard to explain just how one man could have inflicted both wounds. In this connection the condition of the revolver is causing the Alameda authorities some perplexity. The weapon was an old 22-calibre, seven-chambered affair, with six cartridges in it. The two that had been fired were separated in the chamber by another cartridge which was untouched. Whether this was due to faulty mechanism in the weapon or to some tampering with the revolver is not determined.

But the most peculiar wounds on the person of the dead man are bruises on his forehead, abrasions high up on the brow and a deep dent just above the bridge of the nose. Still more important is the feature developed in the autopsy, when the right temple showed evidences of having been crushed by some heavy instrument. This wound was not visible before the autopsy, and only when the skin was removed from the skull did the tell-tale crack in the bone appear. Moreover, the revolver was loosed in the man's hand, as if it had been placed there after death. The theory of Dr. Gladding, coroner, is that the unfortunate man was lured to the spot after dark by thugs and struck a terrible blow on the forehead, which did not break bone underneath, but caused the temporal bone to cave in under the force of the jar. Just how the shooting occurred in this tragedy he is at a loss to determine.

The theory of Dr. Gladding is strengthened by the fact that inside the barn the police found an ugly-looking club—a short piece of a pole, which had been split down the centre. Every inch of the ground outside the barn and in the immediate vicinity of where the body was found was gone over, and within ten feet of where the man's head had rested in a clumb of grass was found another club. This one was a piece of pine, which had recently been used as a stake in a field. Dr. Gladding considers these clubs valuable evidence, and further states that they may have been the instruments with which death was inflicted.

The Brennan barn is a large but dilapidated structure standing alone in the corner of the field, and faces San Pablo avenue, one of the busiest thoroughfares in Berkeley. It is the resort of tramps, and nightly gangs of these wanderers congregate in the place. On numerous occasions the neighbors have driven crowds of tramps from the barn and more than once these vagabonds have turned on those who attempted to eject them. The authorities believe that the unknown fell into the hands of desperate criminals and was lured to the barn to be robbed. They also believe that the pistol found in the dead man's hand belonged to him, but was forcibly taken from him, for between the two cartridges which were exploded there remains one in perfect order. The pistol being a self-cocking firearm, it would have been necessary to hold the trigger back with one hand and move the cylinder around one notch in order to prevent the discharge of the unexploded cartridge. This could not have been done by the man himself, as the first bullet would undoubtedly have rendered him unconscious. Another feature is the manner in which the pistol was found in the dead man's hand. Instead of being tightly clasped in the rigid death grasp, it was loosely hanging on the forefinger of the right hand. The authorities believe that after killing the man, the murderers placed the pistol in the manner described to make people think it was suicide.

"The unknown man was clothed in well-made garments and seems to have been in fairly prosperous circumstances," says the San Francisco Chronicle. "When he was picked up he wore a tan box overcoat over a light tweed suit. His undergarments were of good material, the pale blue shirt showing the name of 'R. J. Tooke, Montreal,' a clothing firm in Canada. He wore low-cut shoes, black socks and had a light cloth cap. In his pockets were found a number of objects, but no money and no papers. The absence of all cash and every scrap of paper is regarded by the coroner's office as one of the proofs that the unfortunate man met with foul play either before his death, or afterwards, at the hands of thieving ghouls, who found the corpse and robbed it stealthily. If they were thieves, they neglected to take all the valuables, for the silver shirt studs, the rolled-gold eye glasses, the silver watch chain and gold guard and seal are all left. Besides these objects, there were such trinkets as a small bone-handled knife, a keyring with two small keys, a small corkscrew, a glove-buttoner, nail-cleaner file, tan gloves and a folding steel one-foot rule, besides pencils and quill toothpicks. A North Shore railroad ticket, 'San Francisco to Sausalito and return,' with a conductor's punch in it, was also in his pocket. Laundry marks on his shirt and collar were as follows: 'H,' 'D112,' '2326' and '5-326.' The size of his collar was 15". The man seemed to have had no handkerchief.

"C. A. Carman, who conducts a saloon one block south of the scene of the tragedy, is the only person who seems to have met the unknown man on the day of his death. He identifies him as the same man whom he met in the San Francisco Revenue office a few weeks ago while obtaining a liquor license. Yesterday he came into the saloon shortly before 11 oclock, and, after making a careful inspection of the bar, remarked that Carman had been successful in obtaining his license. The conversation then drifted into matters pertaining to other saloons in the neighborhood and in regard to the mile-limit speak-easies in the East End. The stranger explained that he was visiting in Berkeley for the day, and, after resting about the place for an hour, started back toward the town in the same direction he had originally appeared. He did not buy a drink, and only asked for a drink of water. Carman did not see him again until this morning, when he saw him dead. From the testimony of Mrs. Charles Wilson, who lives north of the Brennan barn, two shots were heard in the vicinity last evening between the hours of eight and nine. Nothing was done by the Wilsons toward investigating the origin of the shooting, and they had no knowledge of the tragedy until today, when they were told of the occurrence. All trace of the stranger between 12 o'clock, when he left Carman's, and 8 o'clock, the supposed hour of the shooting, seems to have disappeared.

"The dead man seems to have been an Englishman or a Canadian. He was of heavy build, weighing about 180 pounds, and 5 feet 8 inches in height. He would be about 60 years of age. His hair was grey, sparse on the crown. He wore a mustache and a small goatee, and his face bore a three days' growth of beard. He had a florid, blonde complexion, and blue eyes."

The man was gentlemanly in appearance, and his natty suit of grey tweed, his light overcoat and his spotlessly clean linen gave evidence that he was a person of refinement, but his identity is as closely shrouded as though his body had never been discovered.

Capt. Thomas Howard, the murdered man, was a prominent figure in Montreal society in the sixties, a leader in all social events and a universal favorite, no fashionable affair being complete without him. He was one of the founders of the St. James club, the most exclusive in the Canadian commercial metropolis, and held a commission in the Victoria Rifles, Montreal's crack volunteer regiment. In 1860, on the outbreak of the rebellion in the Red River Settlement (now Manitoba), deceased joined the 2nd Quebec Rifles, and, as Captain and Paymaster, served under Lord Wolseley on the First Red River Expedition, one of the most famous achievements of that great military leader. After the suppression of the rebellion, when the province of Manitoba was created, Capt. Howard entered politics and held the offices of Minister of Public Works, Provincial Secretary and Provincial Treasurer at different times during the life of the first legislature of Manitoba, under the leadership of Hon. Henry J. Clarke, the first premier of the province. In 1875 Capt. Howard retired from active political life and embarked in business in Winnipeg as a forwarder, in which he was very successful for some years. Early in the 80's he returned to Montreal, where he carried on a brokerage business until the discovery of gold in Yukon tempted him to try his fortune at Dawson. In the far north he acquired some valuable hydraulic ground, and it was for the purpose of disposing of some of his interests or securing capital to develop them that he took the trip to San Francisco which has had such a pitiful and tragic ending. Deceased was in his 50th year, having been born at Kingston, Ont., on June 2, 1845, whence his father Henry Howard, M.D., removed to Montreal. In 1868 deceased married Mirah Walters Dyde, daughter of Colonel Dyde, of Montreal, who with three children, two sons and a daughter, survive him. One of his sons "Atty," a celebrated lacrosse and hockey player, is living in New York. Shirley, the other son is in Chicago and Miss Cherry Howard is with her mother in this city.

Hotel Contract Has Arrived

Draft of Agreement Forwarded From Montreal For Consideration of Council.

Differs Very Little From Proposal Made in the Early Negotiations.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Yesterday Mayor McCandless received the draft agreement citing terms on which the C.P.R. will proceed with the construction of a tourist hotel on the James Bay flats. It is not materially different in intent and meaning from what was proposed by the city council and it is not thought that any serious obstacle will be in the way of submitting a by-law to the ratepayers at an early date. The Mayor and aldermen will hold a special meeting to-day to consider the agreement. The prompt manner in which Sir Thomas Shaughnessy has attended to the matter of the preparation of the agreement removes all doubt as to the bona fides of the C.P.R.'s declarations in the matter, and much jubilation prevails in consequence amongst all classes of citizens who recognize the importance of the scheme to Victoria.

As indicating the terms which are about to be finally agreed upon, it will be remembered that early in June the following proposition was submitted to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and his associates:

1. The Canadian Pacific railway company undertakes to build a tourist hotel in Victoria, to cost not less than $300,000 upon the reclaimed lands known as the James Bay embankment. To furnish, operate, and maintain the same as a first-class tourist hotel up to the same standard as the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec.

2. The city of Victoria to grant unto the said company all that piece or parcel of land with a frontage of 400 feet, or thereabouts, on James Bay esplanade, bounded on the south by Belleville street, and on the east by the proposed extension of Douglas street, as shown in the accompanying map, and colored green and containing four and a half acres, or thereabouts, as a free site for the said hotel.

3. To exempt the company from taxation for a term of 15 years.

4. To exempt the company from the payment of fees for the use of water for ordinary domestic and bath (not swimming) purposes, for the said term of 15 years.

5. The city of Victoria to make the new street known as Hotel street, and to continue Douglas street through to Belleville street, as shown on the said map. Both of these streets to be 60 feet wide and to be maintained by the city free of cost to the company.

6. The city of Victoria to make such building regulations in the sale of the lots fronting on these streets and the company's property, as will prevent any building being erected thereon that will be a detriment to the property of the said company.

That the agreement as it will be finally drawn will differ very little from the above in its main terms as indicated in the reply of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who said: "Our board has adopted the hotel project on the general lines indicated in the letter of June 1, signed by yourself and the other members of the committee. We may wish to offer some suggestions about making one or two of the streets somewhat wider. The clause about water and taxes will require to be more clearly defined. Of course it is understood that the city is to do all the requisite filling to bring the lots to the level contemplated by the plans, and is to be turned over to the company completed in this respect. Excepting in so far as we may be able to save filling in connection with the foundations of the building."

Authority to grant the concession to the C.P.R. was obtained in a special act passed at the last session of the legislature, the provisions being as follows:

Firstly, all that piece of land described as follows: All that the lands on the foreshore of James Bay, in the harbor of Victoria, and in the land aforetime, and now from time to time covered by the waters of the said bay, and the land from the extreme end of the said bay and on the shores of the said bay now covered by mud and refuse, heretofore known as the Mud Falts in James Bay Victoria harbor (save and except such portion thereof, if any, as is within the provisions of the Statute of British Columbia, chap. 45 of 1892), and all of which land is shown and colored pink upon the map signed by the Hon. Wilmer Cleveland Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, and by Charles Hayward, mayor of the said city of Victoria, and filed in the department of lands and works at Victoria, the twenty-sixth day of April, 1901.

Secondly, also all those pieces or parcels of land, being all that portion of section VI., Victoria district, lying to the north of Belleville street, and now in the city of Victoria, and that other portion of said section VI., Victoria city, particularly described as follows: Commencing on McClure street, twenty feet two inches more or less southeast corner of lot 1270; thence southerly twenty feet two inches to said southest corner; then westerly, along the southern boundary of said lot 1270, twenty-eight feet five inches; thence easterly twenty-seven feet to the point of commencement,

Is hereby granted to the corporation of the city of Victoria to grant, convey or lease (at such rent, for such term of years, and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon) to the Canadian Pacific railway company, such portion as may be agreed upon of the lands by this act granted to the corporation of the city of Victoria, with or without money consideration; and the said lands, when so granted, conveyed or leased, shall be held by the said Canadian Pacific railway company as the site of a tourists' hotel, and appurtenances, according to the tenure of such grant, conveyance or lease.

It shall be lawful for the city of Victoria to grant aid, by way of bonus for the promptness of the construction, maintenance and operation of the said tourists' hotel, the following exemptions from taxation for a period not exceeding fifteen years, namely: A total or partial exemption from all taxes, rates, assessments and impositions now or hereafter to be levied, assessed and imposed in the city of Victoria upon lands and improvements and upon personal property, and from water rate or charge for supply of water.

4. It shall be lawful for the council of the corporation of the city of Victoria to make, and from time to time to alter, by-laws for the purposes of carrying into effect the powers by this act given to the said corporation.

MEN WANTED TO GATHER FRUIT

Scarcity of Help in the Interior Endangers Fruit and Grain Crops.

A heavy crop of fruit is in danger of spoiling for want of sufficient help to gather it. This is the information brought down by Mr. R. M. Palmer, provincial fruit inspector, who returned today from a week's visit to the interior, says the Vancouver Province.

In an interview with a Province representative, Mr. Palmer stated that there was a great demand for help in the harvest fields in the interior. He had just spent some time in Vernon, Kelowna and Summerland, and said that the farmers in Summerland alone could give employment to over 100 men for the next month.

"The farmers there are very anxious to obtain help at once," said Mr. Palmer, "and in Vernon alone the Taxpayers' League will guarantee employment to 60 men in that vicinity. I have arranged with the C. P. R. for a rate of $6 for parties of men going up to any of these points. Those who go up can have the option of returning in a month at the same rate.

"Crops? They never looked better," continued Mr. Palmer. "Haying is a little late, but the wheat crop is going to be splendid. The area under cultivation around Summerland and Vernon this year is also greater than ever. Fruit crops will be at least 25 per cent. heavier than ever this year, and I expect that shipments to Manitoba and the Northwest Territories will commence about August 20. If they can only get help enough in the harvest fields, it will be a great season in the interior."

STAMPEDE IN POPLAR CREEK

Visitor to the City Tells of the Marvelous Assay Values.

Angus Campbell, who is at the Dominion, is the owner of a claim in the newly-discovered Poplar creek, in the Lardeau, which, if surface indications are any criterion, should develop into a rich proposition. Mr. Campbell stated that some of the accompanying samples in the papers were highly colored, though it is true that the specimens of quartz inspected from various stakings were marvelously rich. For example, one 7-inch streak had assayed 11920 to the ton. Values varied, however, for one 8-foot lead only assayed from $4.00 to $8.00 to the ton.

Mr. Campbell thinks that Poplar creek will produce some very rich mines, the auriferous bearing rock being everywhere in evidence, and the gold so easily discernible that it can be picked out of the quartz with a knife.

A rush to the camp is now in progress, fully half of the stampeders being from Spokane and neighboring places in Washington state. The boats are now making three trips from Nelson and Kaslo each week, and supplies are being hurried into the district by the locators, who are energetically beginning to develop their properties.

ALASKAN CANNERS MAKE COMPLAINT

Say That the Regulations of Washington Government Interferes With Profits.

A correspondent writing from Skagway, says: "That the cannerymen of Southeastern Alaska have a genuine grievance against the United States government is practically conceded by competent authorities. The law prohibiting fishing for salmon prior to July 1 has worked a serious hardship on all the canneries. The hitherto profitable business of supplying the king salmon to the market is now a thing of the past.

During the past few years there has been a growing demand in the Eastern and European markets for fresh and mild-cured king salmon; but the run of these fine fish is practically over before July 1, and the law prohibiting fishing before that date now precludes any effort of the packers to meet the demand.

A number of the canneries of Southeastern Alaska, which have not made a specialty of the king salmon, are not materially affected by the law, but those located near the Stikine and Taku rivers will suffer considerable losses.

At Boca de Quadra, Metlakahtla and Loring few salmon have put in an appearance. The cannery a Wrangel has a pack of 14,000 cases. The canneries at Taku harbor and Taku inlet have a small pack. The cold storage plant at Taku harbor is behind in its pack on account of inability to take the king salmon.

Cannerymen are unanimous in the belief that the law should be abolished or changed to permit fishing earlier in the year. Another problem that few cannerymen are willing or able to cope with is the government regulation enforcing the selection of butchery sites and the propagation of the red fish by the cannerymen themselves. The consensus of opinion among the cannerymen is that the government should operate all hatcheries and taxe the canneries for the maintenance.

The United States fish commission steamer Albatross, having on board Dr. David Starr Jordon and his distinguished scientific associates, is in port. Since reaching Dixon entrance the Albatross has been busily engaged in visiting salmon streams, salmon canneries and in deep sea dredging.

Members of the scientific corps report that the deep sea work has been very interesting and, from a scientific standpoint, valuable. Many species of vertebrates have been brought up from the waters of Dixon entrance. Behm canal, Clarence strait, Kasaan bay and Eastern passage, some of which are thought to be new to science. In a number of dredgehauls a considerable quantity of shrimp came up, most of which the Albatross people say, passed through the galley to the ward room and cabin tables.

Today Dr. Jordan, Dr. Evermann and several other members of the scientific corps left over the White Pass road for White Horse, where two days will be spent in collecting fish from the lakes in that region.

Dr. Jordan leaves the Albatross on July 26 for San Francisco, after which time the party will be under the direction of Dr. Evermann, of the United States fish commission.

Stricken With Pneumonia

Almost Ready to Die—Alonzo W. Douglas, of Woodbridge, Was Saved by

Ferrozone

"For the benefit of others," writes Mr. Douglas, "I desire to state the results I derived from the use of Ferrozone. Two years ago I was stricken with pneumonia. So severe was the attack and so reduced was my strength that my life was despaired of. I had the very best medical attention, but made no progress towards recovery. When reduced to practically a skeleton, a kind friend told me of the remarkable powers of Ferrozone. An improvement began almost at once. I gained steadily in weight and strength until Ferrozone made me a new man. I will gladly answer inquiries from other sufferers if they care to have further particulars about my recovery. Ferrozone deserves its great measure of success."

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Old Difference Happily Healed

Dr. Duncan's Indians Make a Friendly Visit to Port Essington.

Greetings Exchanged After An Estrangement of Nearly Twenty Years.

R. G. Cunningham, in referring to the shipment of furs which arrived from the North in the Boscowitz, stated last evening that their value is fully $23,000, and that many packs still remain to be shipped in the following steamers to follow. Mr. Cunningham when seen at the Vernon last evening spoke rather discouragingly of the first run on the Skeena. The season has been very backward, and the peculiar weather conditions have been detrimental to the salmon run. Port Essington has been very busy, the hum of industry and progress being everywhere discernible.

A pleasing incident was the visit of the Indians from New Metlahatlah, Alaska, to Port Essington on the 4th of July. This is the first visit of Dr. Duncan's Indians to British Columbia since 1884, and was made memorable by the cordial and fraternal spirit manifested on all sides. The Indians from New Metlahatlah came in a large excursion, which they organized. They seemed to be highly delighted with their reception. In the evening there were fire works and a band concert by the fine band composed of players from the visiting Indians. This band plays up-to-date music in a very creditable manner. Mr. Cunningham said that the Dr. Duncan Indians were attired in well-made and fashionable garments, their intelligence and deportment reflecting great credit on their teacher and guide, the venerable Dr. Duncan. In the evening the Indians were tendered a banquet by the prominent men of Post Essington. The visitors were cheered on their departure. Now that the breach has been healed, it is expected that there will be many occasions when friendly visits will be exchanged with the New Metlahatlah Indians.

IMPORTANT TO FRUIT GROWERS

Report of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Association.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, held at Peachland, the report of the executive committee was presented as follows:

1st. That 25 packages of fruit be sent to the local exhibition at Regina, Indian Head, Deloraine and Minnedosa.

2nd. That the secretary be authorized to obtain the necessary fruit from different points in the province.

3rd. That Messrs. Palmer, Smith and Brandrith revise the annual report.

4th. That Mr. Palmer be requested to interview the Dominion Express Company re a reduced rate on exhibits.

5th. That we recommend a continuance of the subscription to Bradstreet's.

Mr. Chaplin moved, and Mr. Maxwell Smith seconded, the adoption of the report, which was carried.

Mr. Maxwell Smith moved, and Mr. Palmer seconded, That the secretary be instructed to tender the hearty thanks of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association to Mr. J. M. Robinson and the fruit growers of Peachland and Summerland for the many kind courtesies extended to the visiting members. Carried.

It was then moved by Mr. W. A. Long, of Peachland, "That in view of the heavy loss incurred on certain shipments of soft fruit last season, owing to defective arrangements and the long time taken in transit, Resolved, That the Canadian Pacific Railway Company be respectfully requested to arrange for the fastest possible time on fruit shipments to points in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and to perfect arrangements for icing refrigerator cars of fruit en route."

This was carried unanimously.

The next meeting will then adjourney to meet at the call of the president at Duncans.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE DECLINES CONTEST

Manitoba Election Set For Next Week Settled By Acclamation.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, July 22.—Captain Jonassen, Liberal candidate for Gimlet, where the election is scheduled to take place next week, has retired and will allow Haldionsor's re-election by acclamation.

In Kildonan and St. Andrews, Odonohue, Liberal, and Grains, Conservative, were tie. The returning officer will give the deciding vote.

Chevrier, the Liberal candidate in St. Bonifice, has decided to ask for a recount of the vote polled in the recent contest where Bernier, Conservative, was elected by a majority of 1.

An Edmonton despatch says: "News reached here of the death of Bishop Clute, of Athabasca district, at Lesser Slave Lake, two weeks ago. The Bishop was 91 years of age and has spent half a century among the tribes in the far North, and before the division of the Athabasca district was coadjutor Bishop from the Rockies to Keewatan, and south of the Mackenzie river. On the division of the district, being too infirm for active service he retained the rank of bishop without a diocese and lived at a mission at Lesser Slave Lake.

A SPEED RUN.

Victorian Has a Race With the Steamer Cottage City.

Steamer Cottage City, Capt. Wallace, sailed for the North yesterday morning from the Ocean docks, with 65 passengers, including Prince Henry of Troves. The steamer had a fair freight. When bound North she encountered the new car ferry Victorian, and the two steamers had a speed trial. The Victorian was bound to Fort Gulchon, and when she came up with the steamer Cottage City about a mile this side of Plumper Pass, the steamers had a close run together, but before turning off to go into the Fraser the Victorian had put a couple of miles between her and the Cottage City.

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Prepared with CALVERT'S Pure Carbolic. (The best dental preservative).

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S. S. Co.'s vessel. The Victorian was turning Vancouver Island coal.

OREGON FROM NOME.

Steamer Oregon has returned to Seattle from Nome on her second voyage, having sailed from the Arctic port on July 13th. The Oregon reports the arrival at Nome July 11, of the Empire Transportation Company's steamship Ohio. On the following day the Ohio left for St. Michael. The Aztec was still at Solomon river discharging, the Northwestern Commercial Company's steamship Manauense being the only ocean going craft at Nome when the Oregon departed. She had crossed over from Siberian waters and was awaiting the pleasure of John Rosene and the Peck party. The Oregon saw nothing of either the Senator or the Roanoke.

Returning the Oregon brought $250,000 of Nome gold. Off Unimak pass she encountered fog, during which she had to lay to for about eight hours.

RESERVE FORCE.

The healthy body has a certain amount of strength reserved in case of emergency, attack by disease or unusual physical exhaustion, without this power of resistance a person is an easy prey to every ill that comes along. By enriching the blood and creating new nerve cells, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food keeps the health at high water mark and fills the body with the vigor and vitality that overcomes and defies disease.

Auction Sale

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Farm Property

There will be offered for sale by Public Auction by

JOHN A. LEE

At his Auction Rooms, Columbia Street, New Westminster, B.C., on Friday the 25th day of September, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon the following property:

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the District of New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia, and being composed of Lots Numbers one hundred and twenty-six (126), Fifty-three (53) and the north Ninety-six acres of Lot Number One hundred and twenty-five (125) all in Group 1., New Westminster District, containing 388 acres, more or less. There are about 75 acres under cultivation, with barn and house on the property.

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PATRICK HICKEY.

RE CHARLES TOWNS, DECEASED.

All persons having any claims against the estate of the above-named deceased, are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned within one month from the date hereof, after which I will proceed to pay the same to the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims.

Dated the 10th day of July, 1903.

C. H. SMITH,
Executor,
Soda Creek, B. C.

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENT

"RALPH," "PHAIR," "MOUNT SKIRT," "LUBBE," AND "TOLMIE" MINERAL CLAIMS, AND "THE RALPH FRACTIONAL," AND "PHAIR FRACTIONAL" MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in Victoria Mining Division. Where located: On Mount Skirt, near Goldstream River, upon Section VII, Goldstream District, and Sections 28, 81, 83 and 84, Highland District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Theodore Lubbe, Free Miner's Certificate No. B70556, acting as agent for Mary Phair, Free Miner's Certificate No. B70559, Caroline A. Lubbe, Free Miner's Certificate N. 5011, and G. H. Burns, Free Miner's Certificate No. B79587, intend, 60 days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under Section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated the 16th June, 1903.

THEODORE LUBBE,
Agent for Mary Phair, Caroline A. Lubbe and Gavin H. Burns.

NOTICE.

The "Copper King," "Copper Queen," "Nonesuch," and "Klondyke" Mineral claims, situated in the Victoria Mining Division of Chemainus District, on Mount Brenton.

Take notice that I, P. J. Pearson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B79564, intend, 60 days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Date this 8th day of June, 1903.

P. J. PEARSON,
Applicant for Owners of Claims.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated at the mouth of Bear river, Portland Canal, Cassiar District. Commencing at a post marked J. W. S.'s S. W. corner, thence N. 40 chains, thence E. 20 chains, thence South 40 chains, thence West 20 chains, to point of commencement, being in all 80 acres, more or less.

J. W. STEWART.

Bear River, Portland Canal, April 22d, 1903.

NOTICE.

The "Rose," "Daisy" and "King" Mineral Claims, situated in the Victoria Mining Division of Shawnigan District, on Mount Malahate.

Take notice that I, P. J. Pearson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B79564, intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 17th day of June, 1903.

P. J. PEARSON,
Applicant for Owners of Above Claim.

IRONCLAD MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Chemainus District. Where located: Sugar Loaf Mountain. Take notice that I, Sarah Doulza Bevins, Free Miner's Certificate No. B74361, intend, sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated 24th day of June, A. D., 1903.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated near Hazelton, Skeena river. Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Lot 104, thence south to the southwest corner of the Government Reserve, thence east to the Hagwilget river, thence southwesterly along the bank of the river to McCosgrie's and Murray's Lot 108, thence north 20.30 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

EDWARD McCOSKRIE.

Victoria, B. C., July 8th, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land, situated at the head of Nasoga Gulf: Commencing at a post marked E. C.'s S. W. corner," thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence south following coast line to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

W. B. COLLISON.

Nasoga Gulf, June 23, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land, situated at the head of Nasoga Gulf: Commencing at a post marked "W. N.'s S. W. corner," thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

WM. NOBLE.
J. M. COLLISON.

Nasoga Gulf, June 23, 1903.

Mineral Act.—(Form F.) Certificate of Improvements. Notice. Independence Fraction Mineral Claim, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Victoria District. Where located: Mount Sicker. Take notice that I do this 4th of June, 1903, make application for a certificate of improvements. Free Miner's Certificate No. B79590, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 4th day of June, A. D. 1903. For the Mt. Sicker & B. C. Development Company, Harry Smith.

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